

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1
Eastern Division**

John Martinez

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-01741

Honorable Thomas M. Durkin

Reynaldo Guevara, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Friday, June 7, 2024:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Thomas M. Durkin: Pursuant to Local Rule 40.4, the Court finds that Martinez v. Guevara, et al., No. 23-cv-1741 is related to Tinajero v. City of Chicago et al., No. 24-cv-1598, and that No. 24-cv-1598 should be reassigned. See N.D. Ill. L.R. 40. Pursuant to Local Rule 40.4(d), a copy of this order "will be forwarded to the Executive Committee together with a request that the Committee reassign the higher-numbered case." The Court further finds that these cases share a "common question of law or fact" as required for consolidation under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a). The cases arise from the same Chicago Police investigation into the same 1998 murder. Martinez and Tinajero allege that they were framed by the same Chicago Police Officers and their respective complaints name overlapping defendants, overlapping potential witnesses, and overlapping causes of action. The Court has conferred with Judge Kness who currently presides over No. 24-cv-1598 and Judge Kness agrees that No. 24-cv-1598 should be reassigned to this Court. If reassigned, the cases will therefore be consolidated for all pretrial proceedings including dispositive motions and discovery. The Court will reserve its decision regarding consolidation for trial. Mailed notice. (ecw,)

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